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1. DEPT. OF TRADE (STARK) CALLED EMBASSY APR. 29 RE
PAYMENT OF SECURITY CHARGES FOR US CHARTER CARRIERS AT
GATWICK (REFTEL).
2. REPS OF US CHARTER CARRIERS OPERATING THROUQH GATWICK
(ONA, WORLD, TIA, CAPITOL) INTERVIEWED BY DEPT. OF TRADE
APR. 28. THEY NOT NOW CARRYING OUT PRE-BOARDING SEARCH
OF PASSENGERS REQUIRED WHEN USING STERILE AREAS (NORTH
PIER AND BUS STATION) AT GATWICK. ONA, WORLD AND CAPITOL
HAVE TOLD DEPT. OF TRADE THEY WILL COMPLY WITH BRITISH
SEARCH PROCEDURE AND PAY COSTS IF THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO
DO BY UK GOVERNMENT. TIA REPORTEDLY TOLD DEPT. OF TRADE
THEY WILL NOT COMPLY OR PAY CHARGES IN ANY EVENT.
3. DEPT. OF TRADE REP TOLD US IN VIEW POSITION TAKEN BY
US CARRIERS, ACTION NOW BEING SET IN MOTION TO HAVE
DIRECTIVE ISSUED BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE TO US
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CARRIERS MENTIONED ABOVE TO COMPLY WITH INSPECTION PRO-
CEDURE UNDER TERMS UK PROTECTION OF AIRCRAFT ACT. IF AND
WHEN DIRECTIVE IS ISSUED, US CHARTER CARRIERS AT GATWICK
(PROBLEM DOESN'T ARISE AT HEATHROW) WILL BE REQUIRED BY
UK LAW TO MAKE PRE-BOARDING INSPECTION OF CHARTER PASSEN-
GERS WHENEVER STERILE AREAS ARE USED.

4. WORLD'S UK REPRESENTATIVE (HUGHES) TOLD US THAT WHILE WORLD SUPPORTS SECURITY, AND AT GATWICK REQUESTS AND PAYS SIDERS PRE-BOARDING CHECKS NOT REQUIRED FOR BULK OF ITS OPERATIONS IN VIEW OF ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIREMENTS OF CHARTERS AND OTHER DETERRENTS TO HIJACKING WHICH ARE INHERENT IN CHARTER OPERATIONS. WORLD WILL COOPERATE IF UK GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE ISSUED BUT ALSO BELIEVES IMPOSITION OF PRE-BOARDING CHECKS SHOULD BE RESISTED TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. IN DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH TIA'S REPRESENTATIVE (CONNOR) WE FOUND HIS POSITION THE SAME AS WORLD'S; IF A UK DIRECTIVE IS ISSUED, TIA WILL COMPLY. BOTH TIA AND WORLD POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM IN RECOVERING COSTS FOR INSPECTION SERVICE IF UK DIRECTS IT TO BE USED. BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY LONG LEAD TIME IN SELLING CHARTER PACKAGES, CARRIERS WOULD HAVE NO WAY TO INCREASE CHARGES TO PASSENGERS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL PRESENTLY ARRANGED PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

5. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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